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Jobless rates up in 86 counties from March 2007 to March 2008

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EDITOR'S NOTE: March's preliminary and February's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/March08chart.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in 86 Kentucky counties between March 2007 and March 2008, fell in 31 counties and remained the same in three counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 4.2 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 4.4 percent; Oldham, Shelby and Warren counties, 4.9 percent each; Scott County, 5 percent; Daviess County, 5.1 percent; Jessamine and Madison counties, 5.2 percent each; and Boone, McCracken and Mason counties, 5.3 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 12.3 percent. It was followed by Menifee County, 10.9 percent; Magoffin County, 10.8 percent; Clay and Morgan counties, 10.7 percent each; Wolfe County, 10.6 percent; Lewis County, 10.2 percent; Grayson and McCreary counties, 9.9 percent each; and Bath County, 9.8 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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